

LEAd-ME Council Meeting

January 3, 2007

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Gail Phoenix (City of Auburn), Susan Lee (MCLPPP), Debbie Blanchette (Office of MaineCare Services), Ronda Jones (City of Portland), Bob Dodd (CESC), Valerie Heal (Headstart Health Coordinator Group), Kimberly Weed (Maine Housing), Fatuma Hussein (United Somali Women of Maine)

Opening & welcome

Members introduced themselves, including Debbie Blanchette, the new representative from Maine Care Services for Members under 21. Several members were unable to attend this meeting. Members discussed changing the meeting day to accommodate more members. MaryAnn will send out an e-mail to all members to determine the best meeting time for all. Debbie Blanchette offered to host the meetings at her office at 442 Civic Center Drive since free parking is available at that site.

MCLPPP updates

MaryAnn provided quick updates to allow sufficient time for the workgroups to meet.

- Where we're at now: approximately 200 children were identified in 2006 with blood lead levels ≥ 10 ug/dl; 140 had BLL between 10-14 ug/dl. Out of the children who had environmental investigations, about half were in private homes, half in rental units and about 60% were in homes with renovations. 50% of one-year-olds and 25% of two-year-olds state wide received a blood lead screening test in 2006; for children enrolled in MaineCare, about 50% of one-year-olds and 50% of two-year-olds had a blood lead test.
- Parent survey: we should be winding up the survey on lead exposures in a couple of weeks. It will take us a few months to complete our analysis of the data.
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund: The paint manufacturers are required to submit their paperwork and pay the fee by April 1, 2007. We are currently recruiting for the Advisory Board that is expected to meet in February. While the LPPF Advisory Board will make recommendations on funded projects and meeting the statutory mandates, the recommendations will also be brought back to LEAd-ME for feedback on the compatibility with the *Strategic Plan to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning in Maine* and the Workgroup objectives and plans.

Reports from the Workgroups with Objectives for the Coming Year

Housing Sub-Committee

1. The group updated its work plan and color-coded the items that will need Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund monies. The LPPF items were prioritized for presentation to the LPPF Advisory Board:
 - Inspector Sealey identification and registry of lead-safe homes
 - Increase Lead-Smart Renovator training sessions
 - Develop a distribution plan for the NELCC Lead-Safe Renovation DVD

Health Sub-Committee

1. Last year the group focused on healthcare provider education. This year, they will focus on educating nurses and medical assistants. Specific projects to include:
 - Look for an on-line curriculum for educators (nursing instructors, etc.)
 - Presentation at the Practice Managers Association annual meeting
 - Continue mailings to healthcare providers – may consider a quarterly newsletter for healthcare providers if MCLPPP staff and resources allow.
 - Continue displays at conferences

Community Mobilization

1. Priority areas for the coming year include:
 - Continue work with landlords
 - Continue refugee/immigrant outreach and education
 - Explore ways to reach migrant workers and their families with information about childhood lead poisoning.

Next Meeting = Wednesday, March 21, 2007 (note change)
At the request of members, MaryAnn will try to book a presentation from MAOMA
Re: their organization, who they are, etc. and how they view lead issues.